

I have just heard that Sinclair Broadcasting has instructed their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days in this key time before the election. It goes without saying that this is a clear example of unchecked power due to media consolidation.

Their decision is blatantly partisan, and the FCC should overrule it. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge; therefore their broadcasts should be obligated by law to serve the public interest, not serve a political (and, ultimately, financial) agenda.

If Sinclair is allowed to do this, journalistic standards will be lowered, democracy itself will be compromised, and huge corporations will have taken another step toward taking control of this country.

The FCC's media ownership rules are supposed to keep these things from happening.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Thank you.

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